



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Date of Notice: July 29, 2004

**NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
JO: 176361**

The CITY OF SAN DIEGO will be the Lead Agency and will prepare a draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the project described below. Written comments on the scope and content of the draft EIR must be received by the Land Development Review Division at the address listed below no later than 30 days after receipt of this notice. Please send your written comments to the following address: **Myra Herrmann, Senior Environmental Planner, City of San Diego Development Services Center, 1222 First Avenue, MS 501, San Diego, CA 92101** or e-mail your comments to **mherrmann@sandiego.gov** with the Project Number in the subject line.

Responsible agencies are requested to indicate their statutory responsibilities in connection with this project when responding. This notice was published in the **SAN DIEGO DAILY TRANSCRIPT**, placed on the City of San Diego web-site (<http://clerkdoc.sannet.gov/Website/publicnotice/pubnotceqa.html>), and distributed on July 29, 2004.

General Project Information:

- Project No. **40246**, SCH No. **Pending**
- Community Plan Area: **OTAY MESA**
- Council District: **8**
- Applicant: **City of San Diego, Metropolitan Wastewater Department**

Subject: OTAY MESA TRUNK SEWER. The project proposes the construction of approximately 14.7 miles (or 77,850 feet) of new and/or replacement/upgrade sewer line in the Otay Mesa area, Phase 2 and 3 facilities as described in the 2004 Otay Mesa Sewer Master Plan and Alignment Study, which outlines a strategy for the provision of sewer infrastructure to serve the future build out of the Otay Mesa region. The OMTS Master Plan was completed with the construction of the Otay International Center (OIC). Phase 2 would also include upgrades to existing temporary pump station 23T and the construction of new permanent pump station A1 with capacity up to 12 million gallons per day (MGD). The Phase 2 facilities are divided into sub-phases to accommodate sewer flows as development of Otay Mesa proceeds. These sub-phases may be concurrent or sequential depending on the rate development of the project area. The Phase 3 improvements include additional facilities that may be needed to serve projected ultimate build out of Otay Mesa, including the upgrade of pump station A1 to a maximum capacity of 34 MGD. The need for these facilities will be reassessed based on actual growth over the

next 20 years, and would include the construction and/or expansion of the following types of sewer infrastructure:

- Sewer Pipelines (gravity and force mains) and manholes
- Sewer Pump stations
- Diversion structure
- Transition structure

The need for the proposed project is largely based upon future sewer demand in the Otay Mesa area. Therefore, the project would be constructed in phases, so that the new sewer facilities would be built only when the actual sewer flows reach designated thresholds that trigger construction of the next phase. The construction of the project phases is anticipated to be sequential, although a few phases could be constructed concurrently, depending on the rate of development in the project service area.

Based on an Initial Study, it appears that the proposed project may result in significant environmental impacts in the following areas: Land Use, Noise, Paleontological Resources, Utilities, Historical Resources, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Water Quality, Geotechnical Conditions, Hazardous Materials, Visual Quality/Aesthetics, and Energy. In addition, based on the potential impacts of the project to the area, the City is holding a Environmental Impact Report (EIR) preparation meeting (scoping meeting) open to the public on Thursday, August 12, 2004, beginning at 6:30pm. The meeting place is at the Otay Mesa Comfort Suites, 2351 Otay Center Drive.

Attachments: **FIGURE 1: REGIONAL VICINITY MAP**
FIGURE 2:
SCOPING LETTER

Distribution: **SEE ATTACHED**

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